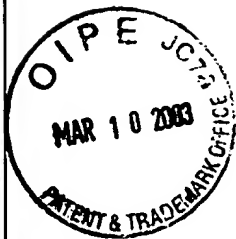


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RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 6

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Sir :

A response to the Restriction Requirement/Species Election (Paper No. 6) mailed February 11, 2003 is due by March 11, 2003. Please accept this Response as timely filed.

Restriction was required among the following two groups of claims:

- Group I of claims 1-7, 10-16 and 19-42, drawn to ophthalmic lenses, and
- Group II of claims 8, 9, 17 and 18, drawn to lens coatings.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-7, 10-16 and 19-42 for prosecution in this application, without traverse.

Paper No. 6 also required that if the claims of Group I were elected, then a further election must be made between the two allegedly patentably distinct species included in the claims of Group I, as follows:

- Species A of claims 1-7, 10-16 and 19-22 drawn to ophthalmic lenses with a marking, and
- Species B of claims 23-42, drawn to ophthalmic lenses with a configuration permitting visual discrimination between the inner region and the outer region of an effective area of the lens.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) to any non-elected claims at a later date. Applicant submits that this patent application is in condition for examination on the merits and early action is that regard earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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